**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1628**

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**Mr D America (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

(1) (a) What was the value of subsidy to each university in the (i) 2013-14, (ii) 2014-15, (iii) 2015-16, (iv) 2016-17 and (v) 2017-18 financial years and in respect of each subsidy (i) what are the detailed components of the subsidy, (ii) which items have been ring-fenced, (iii) what was the total value of ring-fenced funding to each institution;

(2) what amount of non-ring-fenced funding is allocated to each institution for discretionary spending?

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**REPLY:**

Table 1 below provides a summary of the total subsidy broken down into the total block and earmarked grants for the university sector for the period 2013/14 to 2017/18.

Table 1: Block and Earmarked Grants for the University Sector

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| **Year** | **Block Grant**  **(R’ million)** | **Earmarked Grant**  **(R’ million)** | **Total**  **(R’ million)** |
| 1. 2013/14 | 18 439 | 7 643 | 26 082 |
| 1. 2014/15 | 19 561 | 8 509 | 28 070 |
| 1. 2015/16 | 20 538 | 9 800 | 30 338 |
| 1. 2016/17 | 21 678 | 15 181 | 36 859 |
| 1. 2017/18 | 25 323 | 1. 803 | 39 126 |

1. – (2) The block grant is allocated for the daily operational costs of universities and is the non-ring fenced allocation from the Department that each university can use at its own discretion with approval from Council.

The attached public report, i.e. “University State Budgets” dated March 2017, contains the breakdown of the block and earmarked grants per university from 2004/05 to 2017/18.

This report also contains the detailed components of the block grant, i.e. how the block grants are calculated in each of the sub-block grant categories for each university. This is a requirement of the public report, since the block grant is the largest funding component. It also contains the detailed components of the earmarked grant category, i.e. the various types of earmarked grants and the budget allocations per university.

This report is updated annually and distributed on an annual basis to the 26 public universities, and is available on the website of the Department of Higher Education and Training.

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